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V.A.1 UCR FPU Organization

An organization chart for the UCR FPU is included in Appendix C. Planned and/or unfunded positions are denoted in addition to existing staffing.

Non-fire agency staff and local cooperators supplement the existing interagency staff and associated preparedness resources. Local resources are used for these purposes as well as to suppress escaped fires. Local and national aviation and smokejumper resources will be used subject to their availability as appropriate.

Supplemental resources are ordered to provide increased firefighting capability during periods of high fire danger as well as during periods where ongoing and anticipated levels of initial attack would result in a draw down of local resources. Administratively determined (AD) hiring authority is used on a discretionary basis to supplement agency resources.



COLM Fire Organization - The COLM has no fire management staff or organization. Fire management responsibilities are handled by the COLM Resource Staff and the NPS Zone FMO, who handles fire management for several NPS organizations. There are several fire qualified members of the COLM staff that are available for fire assignments as needed. The COLM relies primarily on the UCR and local cooperators for initial attack fire suppression resources.

V.A.2 Staffing and Budget Requirements Summarized

Each agency's individual NFMAS analysis identified location and distribution of suppression resources according to desired response times and zones. The UCR has worked to use these analyses and budgetary parameters to integrate the various agencies and provide an operationally efficient fire program.

Table V.A.2 - Bureau of Land Management Implemented Fire Resources for the FPU

Resources	Quantity	Number of Personnel	Total Work Months
Number of Engines:	5	25	220
Number of Water tenders:	0	0	0
Number of Dozers:	0	0	0
Number of Tractors / plows:	0	0	0
Number of Fire Boats:	0	0	0
Number of Type 1 Crews:	0	0	0
Number of Helitack Crews:	1	5	24
Number of Fuels Crews:	1	5	21
Number of Type 2 Crews sponsored:	1		0
Number of Smokejumpers (AK & NIFC only):			
Number of Fire Management Officers:	2		24
Number of Assistant FMOs / FCOs:	0		0
Number of Fire Operations Specialists:	1		12
Number of Dispatchers:	6		62
Number of Other Aviation Staff (Aviation Mgr., Seat Mgr, etc.):	4		35
Number of Mitigation/Education/Prevention Specialists / Techs:	2		19
Number of Resource Specialists:	1		12
Number of Fuels Specialists:	1		12
Number of Other Fire Staff:	4		37
Number of PFT funded by Preparedness:	15		
Number of Career Seasonals funded by Preparedness:	17		
Number of Temporaries funded by Preparedness:	17		
Number of PFT funded by Fuels:	3		
Number of Career Seasonals funded by Fuels:	1		
Number of Temporaries funded by Fuels:	3		

Preparedness resource numbers funded by Fire Preparedness (2810) and reflecting the peak fire organization resources for the year. resources funded under severity are not included. The fuels related resources numbers include the resource funded by the non-WUI (2823) and WUI (2824) programs.

Colorado National Monument Planned Fire Resources for the FPU

Resources	Quantity	Number of Personnel	Total Work Months
Number of Engines:	1	0	0
Other Fire Staff:	0.2		2.4
PFT funded by Preparedness:	0		

V.A.3 Staffing and Annual Budget Requirements Summarized by Agency

Each agency within the UCR maintains discrete budgeting, staffing and support services which are combined where appropriate to increase program effectiveness and efficiency to participating units.

	BLM	USFS		NPS	UCR Total
	UCR	GVRD	WRNF	CNM	
Staff					
Suppression	50	1	47	0	98
Fuels / WUI	8	5	4	0	17
Prevention / Mitigation	2	0	0	0	2
Budget					
Suppression	1,600,000	53,000	1,200,000	2,500	2,855,500
Fuels / WUI	750,000	152,000	1,600,000	0	2,502,000
Prevention / Mitigation	70,000	600	2000	0	72,600

V.A.3.1 Equipment Requirements for the Existing Initial Attack and Support Organizations

Table V.A.2.1 is a summary of equipment requirements for the existing initial attack and support organizations.

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	Equipment Needs	
	Initial Attack	Support/Chase Vehicles
Engines, Type 4	3	3
Engines, Type 6	7	6
Initial Attack Squads	2	2
Helitack	0	4
Fire Cache	0	3
Prevention/Mitigation	0	2
Fuels	0	9
Aviation Support (Air Center)	0	3
Management	3	6

V.A.3.2 Fire Cache Considerations

The UCR maintains fire caches in each of three Zones. Zone fire caches are located at:

- The Grand Junction Field Office (West Zone)
- The Rifle Interagency Fire Center at the Garfield County Airport (Central Zone)
- The Eagle Ranger District facility (East Zone)

Zone cache inventories will be completed and input into a computerized record keeping system prior to May 1st annually. Zone FMOs are responsible to ensure appropriate stocking levels of fire caches and to provide for receiving and distribution functions as appropriate.

V.A.3.2 Fire Cache Considerations

	East Zone	Central Zone	West Zone	Total
cache size (number of personal supported)	40	70	50	160
staffing	1	1	1	3
annual budget	15,000	38,000	25,000	78,000

V.A.3.3 Interagency Training and Development Considerations

Table V.A.3.3 Desired Training and Development

Functional Area	Type	Sub-Activity	Estimated Cost (\$)
Suppression & Prescribed Fire	Recurrent Training	2810 / 2823 / 2824	25,000
Suppression & Prescribed Fire	ICS and Rx Training	2810 / 2823 / 2824	50,000
Estimated Total			75,000

V.A.3.4 Interagency Dispatch Considerations

The Grand Junction Interagency Dispatch Center is located at the Grand Junction Air Center (GJAC) at Walker Field, Grand Junction, Colorado. The BLM is responsible for the facilities management, utilities, and fees associated with the air center. The GJAC staffs the following non-seasonal positions:

Air Center Manager (GS-455-11), BLM
 Assistant Air Center Manager, Dispatch (GS-455-09), WRF
 Assistant Air Center Manager, Ramp and Facilities (GS-455-09), BLM
 Lead Initial Attack Dispatcher (GS-455-07), BLM
 Lead Aircraft Dispatcher (GS-455-07), BLM
 Initial Attack Dispatcher, (GS-462-05), GMF
 Air Tanker Base Manager (GS-455-07), BLM

V.A.3.5 Fuels Management Considerations

The fuels management program consists of WUI hazard reduction and non-WUI hazardous fuels reduction. The UCR fuels management program is the responsibility of the fire ecology section of the fire management staff. Prescribed fire is conducted with the support of the operations staff. The BLM also hosts a fire use module for prescribed fire and wildland fire use events. There are two Colorado State Office fuels positions, one in Grand Junction and one in Glenwood Springs. These positions assist the FOs in fuels management projects.

The fuels management program consists of WUI hazard reduction, non-WUI hazard fuels reduction, and ecological restoration of impaired landscapes. The UCR fuels management program is the responsibility of the fire ecology section of the fire management staff. The COLM fuels management program is the responsibility of the Dinosaur National Monument (DINO) fuels management specialist. With input from the COLM Chief of Natural Resources, fuels projects are developed and prioritized for funding and implementation.

Prescribed fire is conducted with the support of the operations staff, and will utilize, where possible, an interagency approach to fill required organizational positions for each prescribed burn. The BLM also hosts a fire use module for prescribed fire and wildland fire use events.

There are two Colorado State Office fuels positions, one in Grand Junction and one in Glenwood Springs. These positions assist the FO in fuels management projects.

V.B. Assistance Agreements and Intra/Interagency Agreements

Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Contacts - The UCR conducts the fire management program with Federal and State partners under the terms of the following agreements:

Colorado Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement - between the USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado; USDA Forest Service, Region 2; USDI National Park Service, Intermountain Region; USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain and Prairie Region; USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Region and Colorado State Forest Service. This agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above agencies for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, preparedness, and suppression activities.

Cooperation exists in fire suppression between Colorado National Guard and USDI, Bureau of Land Management. This agreement permits the use of National Guard resources within the State of Colorado without the State declaring a state of emergency. Activation of this agreement is accomplished through the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center (RMACC).

At the unit level, the BLM and NPS have a Memorandum of Agreement that provides the basis for interagency fire management activities and the exchange of funds via reimbursable agreements to support the interagency staff unit.

Both the BLM and NPS are signatories to cooperative fire plans for each county within the affected jurisdictions that are executed on an annual basis to provide for cooperative fire management activities between affected Federal and local jurisdictions.

Copies of these plans are available on CD from agency fire management staff and or Colorado State District Foresters.

V.C. Equipment Rental Agreements

A UCR Service and Supply Plan is prepared annually that includes:

- Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements (EERA)
- Local Vendors who will supply incident support (lodging, meals, equipment and supplies)
- Incident Command Post and Large Helibase locations and points of contact

Hard copies of the above information are in the Service and Supply plan, copies of which are retained by agency procurement specialists and the interagency dispatch center in Grand Junction. The above information is loaded onto CD's for distribution to incoming incident management teams during the incoming IMT briefing.

V.D. Contract Suppression and Prescribed Fire Resources

The UCR does not maintain national contracts for suppression or prescribed fire crews, or equipment. National resources may be ordered as needed during high fire danger and/or severity conditions as warranted and available.

The UCR participates in the national Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity multi-agency fuels reduction contract for treatment of hazardous fuels. The Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) includes a list of contractors and the types of fuel reduction work they are interested in and qualified for. Units initiating NFP related fuel reduction work are required to utilize the Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity contract. Additional information can be obtained from the UCSC Purchasing Agent in Grand Junction.